

The engrossed bill to alter the mode of electing constables in this State so far as relates to the county of Martin, was read the the third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to appoint commissioners for the town of Hertford and other purposes; and the bill to regulate drill musters in the 87th regiment of North Carolina militia in Davidson county, were each read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Bastardy Law as to deprive the mother of the benefits of the allowance usually made, and of placing said fund in the hands of Trustees for the benefit of the child.

The engrossed bill to amend the 16th section of an act in the Revised Statutes, entitled an act concerning the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wilcox, indefinitely postponed.

The resignation of Barthy Deans, as a Justice of the Peace of the county of Nash, received from the Senate, was read and accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1838.

Mr. Blalock introduced a resolution in favor of Flealdern Hensley and others; which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Messrs. Waddell, Hoke, Boyden, J. Williams, and McNeill were appointed the Joint Select Committee on the part of this House on the subject of a Southern Convention as proposed by the State of Louisiana.

The bill to lay off and establish a county by the name of McDowell was read the second time. Mr. Stallings moved that the bill be laid on the table till the 4th Monday of January next. The question on this motion was determined in the negative—yeas 51—nays 58. The yeas and nays demanded by Mr. Stallings.